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**CLAIMS:**

What is claimed is:

1        1.        A method for configuring a network, comprising:  
2                configuring a first device for use in the network;  
3                storing first configuration information for the first  
4        device on a storage device;  
5                reading the first configuration information from the  
6        storage device at a second device; and  
7                configuring the second device for use in the network  
8        based on the first configuration information,  
9                wherein the step of configuring the first device and the  
10       step of configuring the second device are performed prior  
11       to networking the first device and the second device.

12       2.        The method of claim 1, wherein the step of  
13       configuring the first device comprises configuring a host  
14       application.

15       3.        The method of claim 2, wherein the first  
16       configuration information includes a host address.

17       4.        The method of claim 2, wherein the step of  
18       configuring the second device comprises configuring a

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1 client application to communicate with the host application  
2 over the network.

1 5. The method of claim 3, wherein the host application  
2 is selected from a list of possible host applications for  
3 the client application.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 storing second configuration information for the second  
3 device on the storage device.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of  
2 configuring the second device comprises generating default  
3 values based on the first configuration information.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of  
2 configuring the second device comprises copying the  
3 configuration of the first device.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the storage device is  
2 a floppy disk.

1 10. A method for configuring a network, comprising:  
2 reading first configuration information, for a first  
3 device configured for use in the network, from a storage  
4 device at a second device; and

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1 configuring the second device for use in the network  
2 based on the first configuration information,  
3 wherein the step of configuring the second device is  
4 performed prior to networking the second device.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the first  
2 configuration information includes a host address.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the step of  
2 configuring the second device comprises configuring a  
3 client application to communicate with a host application  
4 at the host address over the network.

1 13. The method of claim 2, wherein the host address is  
2 selected from a list of possible host addresses for the  
3 client application.

1 14. The method of claim 10, further comprising:  
2 storing second configuration information for the second  
3 device on the storage device.

1 15. The method of claim 10, wherein the step of  
2 configuring the second device comprises generating default  
3 values based on the first configuration information.

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1 16. The method of claim 10, wherein the step of  
2 configuring the second device comprises copying the  
3 configuration of the first device.

1 17. The method of claim 10, wherein the storage device  
2 is a floppy disk.

1 18. An apparatus for configuring a network, comprising:  
2 first configuration means for configuring a first device  
3 for use in the network;  
4 storage means for storing first configuration information  
5 for the first device;  
6 reading means for reading the first configuration  
7 information from the storage device at a second device; and  
8 second configuration means for configuring the second  
9 device for use in the network based on the first  
10 configuration information,  
11 wherein the first device and the second device are  
12 configured prior to networking the first device and the  
13 second device.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the first  
2 configuration means comprises means for configuring a host  
3 application.

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1 20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the first  
2 configuration information includes a host address.

1 21. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the second  
2 configuration means comprises means for configuring a  
3 client application to communicate with the host application  
4 over the network.

1 22. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the host  
2 application is selected from a list of possible host  
3 applications for the client application.

1 23. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the second  
2 configuration means comprises means for generating default  
3 values based on the first configuration information.

1 24. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the second  
2 configuration means comprises means for copying the  
3 configuration of the first device.

1 25. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the storage means  
2 comprises a floppy disk.

1 26. An apparatus for configuring a network, comprising:

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1 reading means for reading configuration information, for  
2 a first device configured for use in the network, from a  
3 storage device at a second device; and

4 configuration means for configuring the second device for  
5 use in the network based on the first configuration  
6 information,

7 wherein the second device is configured prior to  
8 networking the second device.

27. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the configuration  
information includes a host address.

28. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the configuration  
means comprises means for configuring a client application  
to communicate with a host application at the host address  
over the network.

29. The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the host address  
is selected from a list of possible host addresses for the  
client application.

30. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the configuration  
means comprises means for generating default values based  
on the configuration information.

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1 31. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the configuration  
2 means comprises means for copying the configuration of the  
3 first device.

1 32. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the storage  
2 device is a floppy disk.

1 33. A computer program product, in a computer readable  
2 medium, for configuring a network, comprising:  
3 instructions for configuring a first device for use in  
4 the network;  
5 instructions for storing first configuration information  
6 for the first device on a storage device;  
7 instructions for reading the first configuration  
8 information from the storage device at a second device; and  
9 instructions for configuring the second device for use in  
10 the network based on the first configuration information,  
11 wherein the first device and the second device are  
12 configured prior to networking the first device and the  
13 second device.

1 34. A computer program product, in a computer readable  
2 medium, for configuring a network, comprising:  
3 instructions for reading first configuration information,  
4 for a first device configured for use in the network, from  
5 a storage device at a second device; and

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1 instructions for configuring the second device for use in  
2 the network based on the first configuration information,  
3 wherein the second device is configured prior to networking  
4 the second device.